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Strategic Energy Resource Planning
Project Period: 9/30/03 – 12/31/04

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

ENERGY ACTION TEAM

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- Joel Bravo, Vice-Chairperson
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PROJECT CONSULTANTS

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PROJECT GOAL

Develop a comprehensive twenty year Strategic Energy Plan focusing on energy self-sufficiency, renewable energy sources and community economic development.

Our Strategic Energy Plan will include the following completed tasks and reports:

- 1. Energy vision
- 2. Baseline Assessment
- 3. Research viable energy options
- 4. Conduct energy efficiency activities
- 5. Conduct training
- 6. Explore utility development and business structure
- 7. Action plan and report

TASK SCHEDULE

TASK DESCRIPTION	PLANNED COMPLETION	PERCENT COMPLETE	PROGRESS NOTES
Develop an Energy Vision	October-04	80	
Conduct Baseline Assessment	November-04	50	PacifiCorp to provide past bills
Research viable energy options	October-04	90	
Conduct energy efficiency and conservation			
activities Research	October-04	90	
establishment of energy organizations	October-04	30	
Develop training session plan	October-04	80	
Develop Action			Completion and approval will be
plan	December-04	25	done last

ENERGY VISION

 Under development, will be included in completed Action Plan.

BASELINE ASSESSMENT

- 50% complete.
- Waiting for prior 12 month usage on 12 accounts from PacifiCorp.

VIABLE ENERGY OPTIONS

WIND

- Data gathered
- Interconnection issues studied
- Transmission issues studied
- Potential purchasers identified
- Standby power
- Anemometer loan

BIOMASS

- Potential cogeneration partners identified
- Fuel supply studied
- Little or no competition for biomass fuel
- Potential purchasers identified

POTENTIAL WIND ENERGY SITE



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ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTIVITIES

REDUCE UTILITY BILLS

- Low income weatherization: Federal, BPA, PacifiCorp, Native allocation
- Energy Trust of Oregon
- Heater replacement program

PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

 Utility bill reduction: PacifiCorp, HEAT (OR), Energy Assistance Payments (LIHEAP)

TRAINING

- Tribal Council and Energy
 Action Team met to determine training needed.
- Assistance programs on board for conducting training for membership and reservation residents and businesses.
- Tribe prepared to contract with private firm to provide other training as recommended.

UTILITY BUSINESS STRUCTURE

- Team members attended two Utility Development workshops.
- NW Tribes with utility business identified and contacted.
- Independent consultants (2) identified.

ACTION PLAN REPORT

- Under development, research and review must be completed.
- Planned completion date:
 December 15, 2004.

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